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Services Division  
European Satellite Committee

Meeting of 20 August 1958

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██████████ talked to the Committee about the research project he is conducting ██████████ on national income in East Central Europe. He first pointed out that the Hungarian rebellion and the Polish uprising had emphasized the need to increase our knowledge of the S.ellites. These countries are important because of their maneuverability, as they may not always be in the orbit (of the USSR).

His project ██████████ was started in July 1956 with the purpose of establishing some measures of national income and product for certain of the European Satellites. The approach has been to construct a statistical picture of the economies of these countries from the ground up by setting up a system of sectoral economic accounts. They have split the economy into four sectors: (1) economic enterprises, (2) households, (3) government, and (4) the rest of the world. For each sector three accounts are set up: a production account, an appropriation account, and a capital transactions account.

██████████ group is working on a system of accounts for Poland for the years 1947 and 1954-56, for Czechoslovakia for the years 1947, 1948, 1955, and 1956; and Hungary for 1955. Accounts will also be constructed for a recent year for Bulgaria. He has three people working on Hungary, three on Czechoslovakia, and two on Poland. There are no plans at present to extend the research to East Germany, but Rumania may possibly be included.

██████████ said that his group has a problem in the procurement of publications for their research. He asked for the assistance of the analysts in ORR in informing him of publications that he has not heard of or in helping him obtain those he has not been able to get. He also suggested that in briefing the economic reports officers that the analysts ask these officers to collect as much price information as they can in the Satellite countries.

On 27 August there will be another discussion of CEMA, with ██████████ D/A, leading the discussion. The meeting will be held in Room 1121 M Building at 1330 hours.

Secretary

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